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Mrs. Maestretti, Widow of Judge, Dies in Reno

Mrs. Marie Steiner Maestretti, widow of Washoe District Court Judge A. J. Maestretti, died in Reno Wednesday at the age of 86.

Funeral services are to be conducted from Ross-Burke Chapel Friday at 3 p.m. under direction of Martha Chapter, Order of Eastern Star of Sparks. Burial will be in the family plot in the Masonic Section of Mountain View Cemetery.

Judge Maestretti died in April, 1961, at 88.

Mrs. Maestretti, who was born in Austin March 14, 1878, was the daughter of Leopold and Martina Steiner who owned and operated the famous Simpson Park Ranch for many years. They moved to Sparks shortly after that town was established.

On Christmas Day, 1900, the Maestrettis were married in Austin. The couple bought Emma Nevada's home in Austin and it was there that their daughter, Leota (Mrs. Embree Laiford) was born.

Judge and Mrs. Maestretti celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 1950. The couple had moved to Reno in 1922.

Mrs. Maestretti was a member of Electa Chapter No. 2, Order of Eastern Star, of Austin.

The Maestretti name is rooted in Nevada history. The late jurist's father, A. P. Maestretti, was married to Ida Byers in Austin in 1863. She had crossed the plains by ox team and they were the first couple to be married in that historic Nevada city.

Besides her daughter, Mrs. [illegible] of Reno, Mrs. Maestretti has a sister, Mrs. Marcer of Eureka, Calif., another, Harold Steiner of Los Angeles.

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RENO EXCHANGE CLUB officers were installed at a dinner-dance in Reno. Left to right, Joe Frugoli, sergeant at arms; William Brooks, president; Robert Cross, vice president and Stephen Zideck, secretary-treasurer. New board members are Jim Jeffers, William Cook and Vance Nelson. Holdover directors are Norman Harper, Carl Parise and George Friedhoff.

Removal of Peabody Penalty Feature Will Be Asked by Washoe School Head

The Washoe County School District will ask state legislators to eliminate a so-called penalty feature from the Peabody Formula for the appropriation of educational monies.

The suggestion was put forward by Procter R. Hug Sr., district superintendent, during Tuesday night's board of trustee meeting. The trustees approved it.

Gov. Grant Sawyer has called a special session of the State Legislature, which will start Monday, to take up the matter of additional financial aid to education and other items.

The superintendent also told trustees an additional $1,832,750 is needed in order to meet all the needs of the school district this year. He did not plan to bring such a request for this money before the legislators because the major portion of this would be from local taxes. The present budget is $9,767,083.

"If the governor's suggestion that $1,500,000 be distributed to school districts is made on the same percentage basis as the present formula, then we will [illegible] sufficient amount

no 'penalty' in the state funds be assessed against any school district in the coming year.

"We have no objection to continuing the 'bonus' feature for another year. But on the basis of last year, the total 'penalties' accruing to eight counties was $258,109. Of this, $220,253 was against Washoe County," the superintendent reported.

Hug explained the so-called penalty and bonus features are a result of the different assessed valuation ratios among the counties. After the state average is determined, counties with higher assessment ratios indirectly obtained bonuses while those with lower rates are penalized.

"For the past seven years, we have complained about this feature in the law—but without effect," he said. "We think it is a most unjust feature to impose year after year a penalty upon one school district and at the same time grant a bonus to another. This penalty and bonus feature applies only to school districts.

Problem Solved

ELLINWOOD, Kan. (AP) — Mrs. Kenneth Hewitt told her 7-year-old son he must not shoot his cap pistol in the house because it made a stink.

Steve had a solution. He poured his mother's perfume over his caps.

Reds Return Body

PANMUNJOM, Korea (AP)—Communist North Korea said today it will return the body of a South Korean pilot whose F86D Sabre Jet fighter was shot down 30 miles northwest of Seoul in Red territory last Tuesday.

A SURPRISE